

the West Side park, so he can get the real viewpoint of the fans.

We could be reconciled to losing our job, too, if we were getting a million dollars for it.

A president of the Cubs has not been selected so far, but it is certain he will be a man acceptable to President Tener of the league. Harry Ackerland of Pittsburgh, a stockholder and vice president of the West Side team, has been talked of for the place, but the matter has gotten no farther than the conversation on stage.

The local syndicate, composed of James A. Pugh, William Hale Thompson and Charles A. McCulloch of the Sportsmen's Club, is still angling for control of the Cubs, and an attempt will be made to open negotiations with C. P. Taft of Cincinnati, who took over the Murphy interests. There is a chance that they may be successful, as Taft has many irons in the fire and would be unable to directly supervise the ball club.

Now that Murphy has been eliminated, something will be done to aid the Cubs, weakened by the loss of Evers. Down at Tampa Hank O'Day, present manager of the squad, has received no official notification of the change in ownership and his plans are consequently up in the air.

Murphy had completed some kind of a deal with President Gaffney of the Boston Braves for Bill Sweeney and Hub Perdue in exchange for Evers. The league powers blocked that deal. Murphy was the cause.

Now it is probable that the machinery may get under way again and the Cubs will get something. It would be unfair to take Evers without an equal return, and under the much-talked-of reserve rule of the league it cannot be done.

Sweeney would round out a good infield for the West Side. He is not as smart a ballplayer as Evers, nor as clever a fielder, but his batting will average above that of the former Cub pilot. With Sweeney every baseman

on the Cub squad would be able to consistently hit above .280, and it would not be surprising if they flirted with the .300 mark as an average. With such an array of clouting talent O'Day could afford to experiment with the vacant shortstop position.

He would be able to take a chance with a weak-hitting man and trust to the candidate learning to swat the big league pitching. The other three maulers would compensate for the weakness.

Perdue would be a material help to the pitching staff. He and Lefty Tyler carried the burden of the Brave heaving until the middle of last year and were able to win a remarkable proportion of their games, considering the backing they were given.

Now Hub is dissatisfied in Boston, and Stallings has so built up his staff that he could worry along without the big left hander. And Perdue wants to play here. He has always been partial to Chicago. Put him beside Cheney and Humphries, and O'Day would have a trio of veteran right-handers on even terms with any other trio in the National League.

Yesterday was quiet at Tampa, Sunday ball not being permitted.

The Sox special train, stalled in the floods at Beaumont, Cal., yesterday, reached Los Angeles this morning, and arrangements were made for the last stage of the jaunt to Paso Robles. Practice will be impossible until tomorrow, knocking one day out of the program arranged by Assistant Manager Kid Gleason.

Earl Moore, who pitched now and then for the Cubs last year, has come through with some new stuff. He is the only big leaguer who is a holdout both from organized baseball and the Federal League. Moore refuses to join the Cubs and is not satisfied with the terms offered him by the Feds.

All the ice flyers who participated in the skating carnival at Washington Park lagoon yesterday may be suspended by the Western Associa-